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CHINLE MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 12 YEARS IN PRISON FOR SEXUALLY ABUSING A CHILD

PHOENIX – Darrellson Denny, DOB 12/8/76, of Chinle, Ariz., was sentenced today to 151 months in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release by U.S. District Judge Roger G. Strand in Phoenix.

Denny had pleaded guilty on September 24, 2003, to Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Child in violation of 18 U.S. Code § 2241(c). Denny admitted that he sexually abused a four-year-old child on April 5, 2003, in Chinle, Ariz. on the Navajo Indian Reservation while the child was sleeping. In addition to forced anal penetration, the child sustained a variety of injuries including bruises and abrasions.

As a result of this conviction, Denny will be required to register as a sex offender and to comply with numerous special conditions upon release, such as submitting a DNA sample and a prohibition upon possessing pornography.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI and the Navajo Nation Department of Law Enforcement Services. The prosecution was handled by Soo C. Song, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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